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REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEES JANUARY 13, 1904.

To the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden:

We are sorry to again announce the loss of two of the original members of the Board, appointed by Mr. Shaw: Mr. Joseph W. Branch, who died on June 9th, 1903, and Dr. John Bates Johnson, on October 6th, 1903.

The following memorials were adopted by the Board and ordered entered upon its records:—

IN MEMORIAM — JOSEPH W. BRANCH.

In the death of Mr. Joseph W. Branch, the Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden mourn the loss from their number of an active and useful associate.

Appointed originally and personally by Mr. Shaw himself, and by birth a fellow townsman of his, he had served faithfully from the beginning of the existence of the Board. Of those original personal appointments only four survive.

Mr. Branch, during all the years of his service, took studious pains to be present at the monthly meetings of the Board. In those meetings a sturdy standing on his part for what he thought right, or what he conceived to be the duty of the Board, was witnessed more than once. His surviving associates desire to give permanent record to their sense of bereavement in his death, and to their grateful appreciation of the qualities of character which contributed to the helpful and efficient work which he wrought by their side.

Along with this minute to be preserved, they ask leave to send their condolences to be mingled with the tears of the afflicted family and home, over the going away from human sight of one who after more than three score and ten years of arduous toil now rests from his labors.



PITCHER PLANTS—*SARRACENIA DRUMMONDII*.

IN MEMORIAM — DR. JOHN BATES JOHNSON.

Dr. John Bates Johnson died October 6th, 1903, at the age of eighty-six years.

Born at Fairhaven, Mass., educated at Harvard University, he came to St. Louis in 1841. He was appointed an instructor in medicine in 1846, and from that time until his death he had an important part in medical education and in the practice of his profession.

He was a member of the Western Sanitary Commission during the Civil War, and in that position he rendered inestimable services in alleviating the sufferings of those who participated in that struggle.

He was appointed by Mr. Shaw one of the original members of this Board, and until failing health made it impossible, he was always present at its meetings. His sound common sense, his hearty sympathy with the work of this Board, his unfailing courtesy and kindness, his genial appreciation of the work of others, won the respect and affection of every member of this Board. We mourn his loss as that of a strong, faithful, public-spirited citizen, an ideal trustee of a public charity, a warm and constant friend. His life was long, his labors were constant and great, his friendships were numerous and lasting — his work was done.

May he rest in peace.

It became necessary in January last, to retire Mr. James Gurney, as Head Gardener, on account of advancing age after about thirty-seven years' connection with the Garden, although he is still associated with it.

The Board, as a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Gurney for so many years, adopted the following resolution, which, by order of the Board, was engrossed and presented to him:—

TESTIMONIAL — JAMES GURNEY.

Years roll by for the race, and age creeps on for individuals. Nor can anything human stay the course of either.

The eloquence of a Cicero may reason about the fact of old age and the voice of the Sacred Psalmist may seek to sing content into the heart in spite of it, but steadily on it comes if life is spared, and it cannot be evaded.

Facing this fact of human experience, Mr. James Gurney, the long time superintendent of the daily activities of the Missouri Botanical Garden, feels obliged to withdraw from the pressing cares and responsibilities of such a post.

Remembering that Mr. Gurney served long under the eyes and personal direction of Mr. Shaw himself, and that now for near forty years he has labored in the Garden guiding its work, the Board of Trustees desires

hereby to return to Mr. Gurney, and to order of record on its minutes, the expression of its grateful appreciation of his long and faithful services, its request that he will still remain connected with the Garden under the honorable title of "Head Gardener Emeritus," accorded to him, and its earnest wishes for health and peace and happiness to attend and crown the well-earned rest of his evening tide of life.

We herewith submit for your consideration the financial results for the year ending December 31st, 1903.

The income from rentals for the past year has exceeded the former year \$3,008.88 and in view of the large and steadily growing demand for commercial buildings, at increased rentals, we have been able in many instances to secure decided advances and a further increase of \$9,000.00 over last year is anticipated.

We were enabled to dispose of a piece of property located at Main and Vine streets, for terminal purposes, for \$62,500.00 and have invested \$42,690.08 of the amount in the erection of a large six story factory building at the corner of Main and Market streets, which was finished in August and was at once occupied, on a long lease at a profitable rental.

We have disposed of only one lot of ground, 70 feet, on Flora Boulevard, during the year, upon which a residence costing \$17,000.00 is now being erected, but we are negotiating for further sales on the same street.

The large sewer on Thurman avenue, which serves much of the residence land belonging to the Board, has been finished, and our portion of the cost, \$11,600.00, will be paid during the present month. Other sewers are either under construction, or being planned, which will, during the next two years, necessitate an additional expenditure on the part of the Board of not less than \$35,000.00.

Necessary repairs have been made to the buildings belonging to the Board, and in one case \$6,355.33 was expended in reconstructing a building; and the properties of the Board are in fairly good condition and all are occupied.

No permanent extensive improvements were made at the

Garden outside of necessary repairs to the buildings and plant houses, but large additions have been made to the collection of plants and shrubs, in the planting of the addition to the Garden known as the North American Synopsis.

The annual bequests provided for in Mr. Shaw's will were carried out with the exception of premiums for a flower show (none having been held) at the expense of \$2,745.82.

A number of additions have been made to the library and herbarium by purchase and gift, during the past year, and the following amounts have been credited to the Stock Account: —

Library	\$3,807 18
Herbarium	5,616 20

A largely increased expenditure for improvements to property, an excess of \$4,000.00 over the previous year for taxes, as well as the increased cost of repairs, insurance, and \$4,468.92 expended for improvements at the Garden, made serious inroads upon our revenue for the year, but we are enabled to carry forward a surplus of receipts over expenditures of \$1,127.06.

For further information concerning the operations at the Garden, you are referred to the Director's annual report.

RECEIPTS.

Rents	\$109,635 99
Interest and dividends	3,664 34
Garden pasturage, above expenses	502 94
Garden handbook sales	56 25
Publication sales	<u>19 58</u>
Total income	\$113,879 10
Loss by fire to buildings	5,814 14
Loss by fire to rents	311 11
Sales of real estate	61,500 00
Sales of real estate under decree of Court	<u>1,000 00</u> \$182,504 35
Cash on hand January 1st, 1903	7,248 66
Total receipts	<u><u>\$189,753 01</u></u>

EXPENDITURES.

Garden Account,				
Labor pay-roll	\$18,380	87		
Student pay-roll	1,438	87		
Office assistance	1,098	24		
Fuel	1,736	23		
Water	191	00		
Repairs and supplies	2,657	72		
Stable and implements	37	55		
Plants and seeds	1,732	00	\$27,272	48
Herbarium Account,				
Salaries	410	80		
Fuel	77	91		
Current expenditures	2,596	98	3,085	69
Library Account,				
Salaries	1,089	17		
Fuel	77	91		
Current expenditures	3,072	77	4,239	85
Office Account,				
Salaries	4,621	60		
Fuel	77	94		
Current expenditures	626	44	5,325	98
Research Account,				
Salaries	569	96		
Drawing plates	65	50		
Current expenditures	332	22	967	68
Scholarship Account,				
Instruction	723	90		
Care of Lodge	240	00		
Fuel	83	82		
Current expenditures	260	15	1,307	87
Total maintenance expenditure				\$42,199 55
Garden Improvement Account,				
Planting and improving garden extension	1,792	10		
Growing houses	162	25		
Chemical laboratory	481	17		
Restoring plants and plant houses damaged by fire	2,033	40	4,468	92
Total amount expended on Garden				\$46,668 47
Publication Account,				
Fourteenth Annual Volume	1,849	16	1,849	16
Property Expense,				
State, school, city and sprinkling tax	34,743	98		
Streets, sidewalks and sewers	4,498	77		
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$39,242	75	\$48,517	63

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN.

<i>Brought forward</i>	. . . . .	\$39,242 75	\$48,517 63
Opening streets	. . . . .	916 00	
Insurance	. . . . .	5,589 01	
Repairs	. . . . .	3,777 54	
Improvements	. . . . .	6,741 53	56,266 83
Office Expenses,			
Salaries	. . . . .	4,200 00	
Office rent	. . . . .	900 00	
Printing, postage, telephone, etc.	. . . . .	684 81	5,784 81
Bequests,			
Flower Sermon	. . . . .	200 00	
Trustees' Annual Banquet	. . . . .	1,954 60	
Gardeners' Annual Banquet	. . . . .	333 22	
Shaw School of Botany	. . . . .	253 00	2,745 82
Sundries,			
Legal expenses	. . . . .	1,121 96	
Repairs to buildings damaged by fire	. . . . .	5,089 74	
Commission	. . . . .	1,799 20	
New buildings	. . . . .	40,740 08	48,750 98
Bonds, stocks and certificates	20,937 50	<u>20,937 50</u>
Total expenditure		\$183,003 57
Cash on hand December 31st, 1903		6,749 44
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Respectfully submitted,

R. J. LACKLAND, President.

Attest:

A. D. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.